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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION (Paper No. 20080104)

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This responds to the final office action, mailed January 8, 2008.

In the patent application, claims 3-17, 20-23, 25 and 27-30 are pending. In the office action, all pending claims are rejected.

At section 5, claims 3-7, 9-17, 20-23, 25 and 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Koto et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0215014 A1, hereafter referred to as *Koto*), in view of *Kato et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,151,360, hereafter referred to as *Kato*). The Examiner cites *Kato* for disclosing using the sum of absolute values of inter-picture residues in picture analysis.

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